

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-18, 20, and 22-36 remain in the application. Claims 1-6 and 10-11 have been canceled without prejudice to pursue these canceled claims in another application. Claims 7-9, 12, 19 and 21 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 31-36, respectively.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7-9 and 12-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, new claims 31-36, which replace claims 7-9, 12, 19 and 21, respectively, are written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 13-18, 20, and 22, which depend from claims 12, 19 and 21, respectively, are amended to refer to the new claims. Claims 23-28 depend from amended claims 20 and 22 and are accordingly amended. No amendment to claims 29 or 30 is necessary since each claim is already in independent form. As currently presented, claims 13-18, 20, and 22-36 satisfy all conditions for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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